

OPINION 1363

ANCISTROCEROIDES SAUSSURE, 1855 (INSECTA,
HYMENOPTERA): TYPE SPECIES DESIGNATED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers all type species designations hitherto made for the nominal genus *Ancistroceroides* Saussure, 1855 are hereby set aside and *Odynerus alastoroides* Saussure, 1853 is hereby designated as type species of that genus.

(2) Entry No. 1857 in the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology is hereby corrected to read: *Ancistroceroides* Saussure, 1855 (gender: masculine), type species, by designation under the plenary powers, *Odynerus alastoroides* Saussure, 1853.

(3) The specific name *alastoroides* Saussure, 1853, as published in the binomen *Odynerus alastoroides* (specific name of the type species of *Ancistroceroides* Saussure, 1855) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 3037.

(4) The word 'formerly' is hereby inserted before the words '(type species of *Ancistroceroides* Saussure, 1855)' in the entry under Name Number 2330 in the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2280

An application for the use of the plenary powers to designate a type species for *Ancistroceroides* Saussure, 1855, was first received from Professor J. van der Vecht (*Burg Vermeerlaan 4, 3881 GZ Putten, The Netherlands*) on 11 September 1978. After some correspondence a revised draft was sent to the printers on 19 April 1983 and published on 15 July 1983 in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 40, pp. 111–113. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general and nine entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 15 April 1985 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1985)31 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 40, pp. 112–113. At the close of the voting period on 15 July 1985 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — nineteen (19) received in the following order: Melville, Cocks, Holthuis, Halvorsen, Trjapitzin, Mroczkowski, Corliss, Lehtinen, Ride, Binder, Alvarado, Willink, Uéno, Brinck, Dupuis, Kraus, Bayer, Heppell, Bernardi

Negative Votes — three (3) received in the following order: Savage, Hahn, Schuster.

Late affirmative votes were returned from Cogger and Starobogatov.

No vote was returned by Gruchy.

The following comments were returned by members of the Commission with their voting papers:

Hahn: 'I think it would be better to give precedence to *Paralastor* over *Ancistroceroides*, if they are thought to be synonyms, and to leave the type species untouched.'

Kraus: 'Unfortunately, no comment has been received by any hymenopterologist. The reasons presented in the application are in part based on subjective taxonomic judgement. With regard to this aspect, and with regard to the fact that the Commission had been asked in 1967 to accept the designation of a type species for the genus *Ancistroceroides* Saussure, 1855, which was practically a *nomen dubium* at the time, I have difficulty voting in favour of the present proposal. It seems that the name *Paralastor* Saussure, 1855 has been widely used and thus should be retained.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The following is the original reference for the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

alastoroïdes, *Odynerus*, Saussure, 1853, *Monographie des guêpes solitaires ou de la tribu des Euméniens*, pp. 129–286, p. 147.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (85)31 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decisions so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1363.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

12 August 1985